

Iris Energy Doubles Operating Capacity to >2.3 EH/s Mackenzie (50MW) Commissioned Ahead of Schedule Deployment Options Underway for 6.0 EH/s

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, August 8, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Iris Energy Limited](#) (NASDAQ: [IREN](#)) (“Iris Energy” or “the Company”), a leading owner and operator of institutional-grade, highly efficient proprietary Bitcoin mining data centers powered by 100% renewable energy, today announced it has approximately doubled its operating capacity to exceed 2.3 EH/s.

The Company recently energized the remainder of the first 1.5 EH/s (50MW) at its second operating site in Mackenzie, BC (Canada), which marks delivery of phase two of the project. Both initial phases have been commissioned ahead of schedule:

- Phase one: 0.3 EH/s (9MW) – April 13, 2022 (original target end of Q2 2022)
- Phase two: 1.2 EH/s (41MW) – August 5, 2022 (original target end of Q3 2022)

The Company’s next site, in Prince George, BC (Canada), also remains on track to be energized by the end of next month and is expected to add a further 1.4 EH/s (50MW), increasing the Company’s near-term operating capacity to 3.7 EH/s.

In addition:

- The Company continues to work through deployment options for its remaining 2.3 EH/s of miners, including the recently announced 1.7 EH/s of Bitmain S19j Pro miners to be shipped in August 2022, increasing expected operating capacity to 6.0 EH/s
- \$46.7 million of the previous \$130 million of payments made to Bitmain have been applied to secure the additional 1.7 EH/s, and utilization of the remaining \$83.3 million of payments in respect of additional contracted miners above the 6.0 EH/s continue to be subject to ongoing discussions with Bitmain¹

Iris Energy’s Co-Founder & Co-CEO, Daniel Roberts, said:

“The delivery of Mackenzie is another important milestone for the Company. We are particularly pleased to continue our track record of delivering projects on schedule, despite the current market backdrop and ongoing international supply chain challenges. We would like to thank the Mackenzie construction team for their ongoing hard work and dedication and to welcome a number of new local hires to the permanent operations team.”

About Iris Energy

Iris Energy is a sustainable Bitcoin mining company that supports the decarbonization of energy markets and the global Bitcoin network.

- Focus on low-cost renewables: Iris Energy targets markets with low-cost, excess and/or under-utilized renewable energy, and where the Company can support local communities
- Long-term security over infrastructure, land and power supply: Iris Energy builds, owns and operates its electrical infrastructure and proprietary data centers, providing long-term security and operational control over its assets

¹ The timing and volume of any additional future deliveries (i.e. beyond the 1.7 EH/s scheduled for shipment in August 2022) under the separate \$400m hardware purchase contract for miners are subject to ongoing discussions with Bitmain. The Company has not made all recent payments under that contract and does not currently expect to make upcoming payments in respect of any such additional future deliveries under that contract. The Company can make no assurances as to the outcome of these discussions (including any impact on the Company’s expansion plans or payments made under that contract).

- **Seasoned management team:** Iris Energy's team has an impressive track record of success across energy, infrastructure, renewables, finance, digital assets and data centers with cumulative experience in delivering >\$25bn in energy and infrastructure projects globally

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements generally relate to future events or Iris Energy's future financial or operating performance. For example, forward-looking statements include but are not limited to the expected increase in the Company's power capacity and operating capacity, the Company's business plan, the Company's capital raising plans, the Company's anticipated capital expenditures and additional borrowings, the impact of discussions with Bitmain regarding the Company's hardware purchase contract for additional miners, and the expected schedule for hardware deliveries and for commencing and/or expanding operations at the Company's sites. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "anticipate," "believe," "may," "can," "should," "could," "might," "plan," "possible," "project," "strive," "budget," "forecast," "expect," "intend," "target," "will," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "continue," "scheduled" or the negatives of these terms or variations of them or similar terminology, but the absence of these words does not mean that statement is not forward-looking. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward looking statements. In addition, any statements or information that refer to expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, performance or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking.

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<https://investors.irisenergy.co>.

These and other important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements made in this press release. Any forward-looking statement that Iris Energy makes in this press release speaks only as of the date of such statement. Except as required by law, Iris Energy disclaims any obligation to update or revise, or to publicly announce any update or revision to, any of the forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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